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COUNTRY: U.S.S.R.

SUBJECT: Acquisition of New Tire Building Machinery/Rumors of Political Strife

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1. While in Stockholm, I was told by one of my contacts that he has a friend, an engineer, who is under contract to erect a plant in the U.S.S.R. The engineer returns to Sweden every two weeks and has brought back stories of political strife since Stalin's death. One rumor circulating in the U.S.S.R. was that Malenkov had been dead for a month and Beria and Molotov are wrestling for the job.
2. I have written for the name of the Swedish engineer and such details of his activities as our representative can learn.
3. While visiting Gummiwerk Fulda, A.G. in Western Germany, I was told by Dr. Otto Giese, the Director of the company, that he had managed to get into East Germany recently. While driving from Fulda to Berlin, he was picked up by the police and held in jail, incommunicado for two days but then released and allowed to proceed.
4. He visited a plant in the Eastern Zone, near Berlin, I believe a Krupp plant and found them making vast quantities of heavy machinery for tire building for shipment to the U.S.S.R.

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